

## KETTERING OVAL TRACK PROJECT 2011/12

A brief history . . . .

### **January 2011**

Kettering Walkers - Heart Foundation Walking –being very much aware of the lack of, but need for a properly formed safe walking track in Kettering—approached Kingborough Council requesting an upgrade of the Kettering Oval track, which was documented in Council’s “Tracks and Trails brochure”.

Council reply was negative – work on the Oval track was not included in budget.

### **February 2011**

Kettering Walkers sought permission from Council to approach local Service club for help. Permission was granted.

Kettering Walkers wrote to Lions Club of Kingborough requesting their help in making the Kettering Oval track a project. Their reply was positive.

### **May 2011**

Kettering Walkers approached Kettering Community Association(KCA) for assistance in applying for a Council Community Grant. An application seeking \$5,000 was submitted to Council

### **June/July 2011**

KCA presentation made to Council explaining need for track upgrade and outlining budget requirements. Grant approved in principle subject to Aboriginal heritage Survey.

### **August 2011**

Permission finally given and grant fully approved.

### **October 2011**

On-site meetings with Kettering Walkers, KCA project officers and Council representatives resulted in a new track being designed which would suit all fitness levels of walkers, those with mobility issues and those with prams.

### **October/November 2011**

Further on site meeting with KCA and Lions Club representatives -- with productive and constructive results.

### **December 2011**

Working Bee - KCA hired turf cutter to cut out the track, rolled up turf and re-located. 100 meters carpet cut into strips – used as geo-matting in wet areas.

## **January 2012**

Working Bee with 14 members from Lions Club of Kingborough, and 18 residents from Kettering Community Association, Kettering Walkers and Friends of Kettering

Earthmoving equipment and operators were provided (at 'mates' rates) by Lion's Club member Rob Batchelor of Batchelor Civil Contracting. Rob provided a 5-ton excavator which scraped out the track, and a bobcat which, loaded a small mountain of red gravel onto trailers. The gravel was then dispersed and spread by the volunteers using trailers, barrows, shovels, rakes and lots of hard work.

Morning tea and BBQ lunch was provided by both Lions club and the KCA ladies. Morning tea and BBQ lunch was made by both Lions club and KCA ladies

It was a great community effort – involving:

- Kettering Walkers
- Kettering Community Association
- Lions Club of Kingborough
- Friends of Kettering

A very special thank you goes to Kingborough Council—who allocated the Community Grant –and trusted the Kettering Community Association to use the monies wisely.

Kettering can now be proud of having a safe, flat walking track —suitable for those with mobility issues, walkers of all fitness levels. —And a walk which complies with Heart Foundation walking standards.